

REMARKS

Applicant elects Species A as shown in Figure 10, on which claims 1-6, 10, and 11 read, without traverse for continued prosecution. Claims 1-6, 10, and 11 are considered generic to Species A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, and N. Accordingly, claims reading on non-elected species that may be examined if a generic claim is found to be allowable are withdrawn, but are left pending. Please cancel non-elected claims 14-24 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicant believes this reply to be fully responsive to all outstanding issues and place this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, do not hesitate to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 02008.073001).

Respectfully submitted,

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